

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/**  
**MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on May 11, 2011. Present were Chairman Norm Guimond, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, John Hertz, Louis Gesauldi and Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross. Also present was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, BOE Facilities Director Hans Otto and architects Rusty Malik and Tom Arcari.

Chairman Guimond called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Discuss Draft Program for Project**

Chairman Guimond introduced the two architects and was looking for the Committee to approve the program elements to be described.

Mr. Malik reviewed the Board of Education program elements. He started by reviewing the space needs of the first fit study, existing square footage and the recommended amount of space. He noted that storage was allocated by user rather than a general storage amount used in the original fit study. After reviewing the space allocation with the Committee, Mr. Malik noted that the net program space was going from 12,394 sq. ft. to 13,826 sq. ft. Some of this addition is attributed to the addition of mechanical spaces pre-existing in 35 Leroy.

In reviewing a concept floor plan, Mr. Malik described the design goal of keeping most office elements on one floor, addressing handicapped access, access to storage and maintains required adjacencies.

The Committee discussed how the concept floor plan might be modified to accommodate another user of 35 Leroy in addition to the Board of Education.

Mr. Malik was given the instruction to organize the entry/reception area to allow for non-Board of Education access to the main public meeting room so as to give the greatest flexibility to the space.

Mr. Arcari provided an update on the senior center program. He completed additional meetings to evaluate the stone carving program, kitchen staff and current events. He fine tuned the program which reduced 2,000 sq. ft. He also noted that a preliminary adjacency diagram was developed.

His continued progress required the completion of the demographic assessment which is delayed with the results of the 2010 Census due next week. He was confident that the demographic assessment would support the proposed program which is in-line for the long-term needs of the center.

The Committee reviewed a rough schematic layout of the program and discussed space utilization. Mr. Arcari stated that Beinfield Architects were working on a more formal schematic which would be prepared for presentation.

**b) Other Items Of Relevance to the Committee**

The minutes for May 4, 2011, was moved by Ms. Hagerty-Ross, seconded by Mr. Gesauldi, and approved with a 3-0 vote, with Ms. Woods abstaining.

The Committee determined that a meeting would not be necessary on May 18, 2011. The May 18 meeting would be cancelled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff

Administrative Officer